

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.^{1/} Claims 13-20 have been added.

As was explained to the Examiner during a telephone conversation between him and the undersigned attorney on July 28, 2004, a Second Preliminary Amendment was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on April 23, 2004. However, the Office Action does not address the Second Preliminary Amendment at all, nor does the Office Action acknowledge the filing of the Second preliminary Amendment. A copy of the Second Preliminary Amendment was forwarded to the Examiner via facsimile on July 7, 2004, along with the evidentiary return receipt postcard stamped on April 23, 2004 by the Patent and Trademark Office. Those items were requested earlier by the Examiner on July 7, 2004.^{2/} If the Examiner needs additional copies of those papers, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

In any event, it is understood in view of a check on the U.S. Patent Application Retrieval System, that, as of the present date, the Second Preliminary Amendment still has not been entered into the record of the present application. Accordingly, the present Amendment sets forth the same claim amendments as were set

^{1/} Claims 2-12 were previously canceled.

^{2/} During the telephone conversation of July 28, 2004, the Examiner stated that, in view of the filing of the Second Preliminary Amendment, he tentatively will issue an interview summary withdrawing the Office Action. To date, however, Applicants have not received any such interview summary.

forth in the Second Preliminary Amendment. Entry of those changes is respectfully requested.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as recited in Claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,741,087.

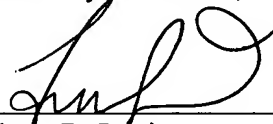
Cancellation of Claim 1 renders its rejection moot.

Added Claim 13 is directed to a method of manufacturing a substrate having a plurality of wirings, wherein the method comprises various steps as recited in the claim. Claim 17 is directed to a method of manufacturing a display device including a substrate having a plurality of wirings, wherein the method comprises various steps as recited in the claim. It is believed that these method claims are sufficiently patentably distinguishable from apparatus Claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,741,087.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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